Order Number: 04-15-103

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST BIG HOLE MOUNTAINS SUBSECTION SUMMER TRAVEL MAP TETON BASIN/PALISADES RANGER DISTRICTS

#### **Travel Restrictions**

## **PROHIBITONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (b), the following act is prohibited on the National Forest System area, roads, and trails as described in this order, all within the Big Hole Mountains Subsection of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest as shown on the Big Hole Mountains Subsection Revised Summer Travel Map dated March 2008, until further notice.

Possessing or using any type of mountain bike (two or three wheeled bicycle) off National Forest System roads and trails in violation of restrictions specified on the Revised Summer Travel Map dated March 2008 on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. 36CFR 261.56

**EXEMPTIONS**: Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order.

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this order.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

# **AREA DESCRIBED:**

The entire area, including all roads and trails, within the Big Hole Mountains Subsection of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest as shown on the Revised Summer Travel Map dated March 2008, all within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Palisades, Teton Basin Ranger Districts..

#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide for the safe travel, protect natural resources (physical and biological), separate recreation opportunities and to minimize user conflicts.

### **DEFINITIONS**:

Vehicle means any devise in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, including any frame, chassis, or body of any motor vehicle, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

# **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- 1. This order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
- 2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this order.
- 3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for a individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)]
- 4. This order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this order in the above described area.

Done at Idaho Falls, Idaho this day of January, 2010

**BRENT L. LARSON** 

**Forest Supervisor** 

**Caribou-Targhee National Forest** 

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# Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan for the

# Big Hole Mountains Subsection Summer Travel Management Plan

- 1. <u>Background</u>. Under the Big Hole Mountains Subsection Summer Travel Management Plan, the NEPA Decision Notice (for Revised Alternative C) signed on 17 March 2008 changed the management status of some roads, trails and areas from what showed on the current Travel Plan for the Teton Basin and Palisades Ranger Districts. These changes can be viewed in the Final Environmental Assessment and on the Big Hole Mountains Subsection Revised Summer Travel Map, dated March, 2008.
- 2. Intent of Subpart B order. The above-mentioned roads, trails, and areas will be managed as shown in the Final EA and on the revised map. The reasons for these changes are to refine the existing trail network in the Big Hole Mountains Subsection to provide and manage trail opportunities for all recreation user groups; reduce user-conflicts; better protect the natural resources; and better implement the 1997 Revised Forest Plan and 1999 Open Road and Open Motorized Trail Analysis (OROMRTD) standards and guidelines.
- 3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety: District staff to provide on the ground signing and maintenance of signing to meet posting requirements in 36 CFR 261.51(b). District Forest Protection Officers and LEO to do random patrols for compliance and take appropriate action for violations of the prohibition.

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| Action<br>Prepare proposed order  | Responsible Official Appropriate Forest Staff with LE&I input                                       | <u>Date</u><br>07 May 2008 |
| Review proposed order   | Supervisory LEO   | 08 May 2008                |
| Review proposed order   | RO LE&I and OGC   | 12 May 2008                |
| Approve proposed order  | Forest Supervisor   | 19 May 2008                |
| Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51   | Forest/District Staff Officers  | 20 May 2008                |
| Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives | Forest Supervisor<br>PAO  | 20 May 2008                |
| Describe implementation/action taken for order. See item #3 above                   | Appropriate District Staff<br>LEO, & field going personnel<br>On going through the field<br>season. | 20 May 2008                |

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

5-16-08 Date

Larry Timchak
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